

Assembly Will Clear Slate and End by April 21

Appropriation and Primary Repeal Bills Are Only Two Big Measures on Miller's Program Not Yet Passed

Quick Action Due on Both Legislators Have Set Record for Economy and Carried Out Governor's Pledges

From a Staff Correspondent
ALBANY, March 26.—All the various parts of the legislative machinery have been oiled for the final four weeks of week before it, and every indication points to an adjournment on April 21. The Legislature, working harmoniously for the first time in years with the Executive, has followed Governor Miller's advice to it in his first annual message, that what was needed was less laws and more law enforcement. To date, less than 2,500 bills have originated in both branches of the Legislature, and this does not represent the actual number of bills introduced, as in many instances the same measure is offered in both houses simultaneously.

Brakes Have Held
The manner in which the legislative leaders have held the brakes on the machinery to prevent the usual grinding out of laws is indicated by the number of bills sent to the Governor—263. This falls short by more than 100 of the number passed in the first three months of the session.

Of the bills passed, the Governor has signed 149. These, with few exceptions, have been purely local bills. Three of the measures recommended in his annual message are now law: The act reorganizing the State Industrial Commission; the reorganization of the Tax Department and the repeal of the daylight savings law.

The public utilities bill is before him awaiting his signature, as well as one of the two port development measures and the three prohibition enforcement bills. But two other bills of moment, which carry out the Governor's policy, have not been acted on. One, the appropriation bill, will be passed in the next few days. It carries out Governor Miller's program of retrenchment and economy to the letter, the departmental expenses allowed being \$15,000,000 less than last year's, and \$90,000,000 less than the departmental requests. As it stands, the expenses for running the state government this year will be slightly less than \$130,000,000. All but the job holders and their friends are behind this bill.

Conference on Repeal Bill
The second bill, which has not been acted on, and which Governor Miller is for, provides for a partial repeal of the direct primaries to pave the way for the nomination of candidates for state office and the judiciary by the old convention system.

This measure has given rise to considerable friction, and in an effort to smooth matters out, the Governor, who returned here to-night, ordered a conference of the legislative leaders in the Executive Chamber Monday afternoon. Few of the other measures pending are of more than purely local interest. Two exceptions to this are the soldiers' bonus bill and the T. K. Smith bill aimed at ridding New York City and other large cities of the ticket scalper menace.

Immigrant Leaps to Death
Italian Jumps From Balcony of Ellis Island Building

Angostino Labano, sixty-eight years old, an Italian immigrant who arrived on the Dante Alighieri on March 10, jumped from a balcony on the second floor of the main building at Ellis Island yesterday and fractured his skull. He died a few hours later.

Percy A. Baker, superintendent of the island, said it is believed that the Italian committed suicide.

Mr. Baker also gave out the information that two men held for deportation escaped last Thursday and have not been found. He did not disclose the names of the men. They escaped, he said, by unscrewing the wire screen on a window on the third floor of the main building and scaling their way to the ground.

Doctors Examine G. F. Foote

Court to Determine Whether He Shall Be Tried Again

NYACK, N. Y., March 26.—Supreme Court Justice Arthur S. Tompkins had a physical examination made by two doctors of his own selection to-day of Gilbert F. Foote, former wealthy broker recently released from Sing Sing, to determine if he is strong enough to endure a second trial. Foote, appearing in court by direction of Justice Tompkins, was taken by surprise when told Drs. Charles D. Kline and J. L. Sly, of Nyack, would examine him forthwith. Dr. Amos O. Squire, head physician of Sing Sing, had previously asserted Foote was too weak to stand another ordeal in court. When the doctors report the justice will decide whether Foote must face another jury. Foote belonged to the defunct brokerage firm of Atwater, Foote & Sherrill, which failed in Poughkeepsie three years ago. The accounts were about \$800,000 short and hundreds of investors lost heavily.

Bomb Laid to Anarchists

ROME, March 26.—There is every indication that the bomb explosion in the Diana Theater in Milan, in which thirty-one persons were killed and 100 others injured, was one of a series of terrorist outrages carried out throughout Italy by anarchists.

The police believe this to have been proven by the explosion of three bombs on the railway line between Bologna and Milan and one on the Adriatic line near Fano, together with two dynamite explosions on the Genoa-Turin line and one under a railway bridge near Vicenza. The arrest of many anarchists leads the police to believe they have captured the ringleaders and that the anarchists will be unable to engineer further outrages.

103 Years Old, Drowns in Well

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 26.—John Thomas, 103 years old, lightly touched by Father Time and hale and hearty despite four years of hunger and hardship with the Confederate forces, fell in a well near his home this week and was drowned. He resided with his daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Treake.



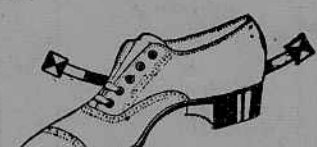
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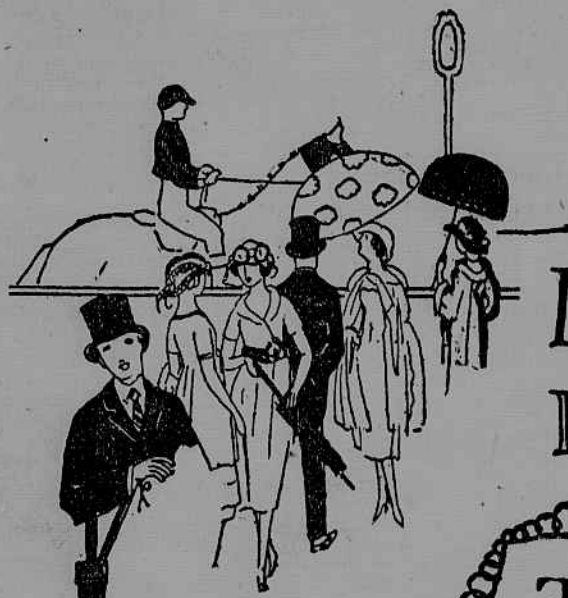
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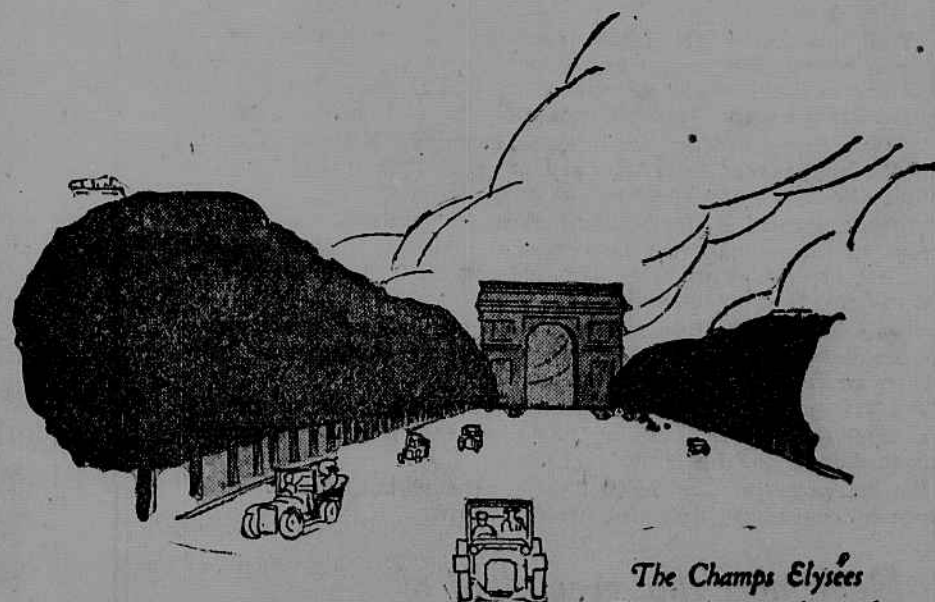
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